

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission

3b. GSA Committee No.

493

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/25/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/25/2018

7. Expected Term Date

09/24/2024

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 91-664, as amended by P.L. 101-320

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 91-664

13. Effective Date

01/08/1971

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Individual members of the commission serve on various volunteer groups and participate in park – sponsored events throughout the year thus staying abreast of park needs and issues. The Commissioners also communicate directly with the park superintendent both during meetings and individually during the course of the year regarding issues facing the park. Commissioners also frequently communicate to their nominating bodies about actions the park is taking as well as bringing issues and concerns from the nominating bodies to the attention of the full commission and the Department. This is how the Commission provides advice and recommendations to the National Park Service.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership is balanced by statute and reflects representation from all of the political jurisdictions along the canal.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Commissioners in attendance at meetings discuss and give opinions on a variety of timely, important and relevant issues facing the park.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Commission continues to be necessary because the park is spread across 19 political jurisdictions. Reductions in park staffing make it increasingly difficult to make substantive connections with these various communities. To compensate it has been increasingly useful to seek advice and counsel from members of the commission.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are never closed thus all meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Commission did not meet in FY 2018. Development of plans for the preservation and use of this park is ongoing.

Designated Federal Officer

Kevin D. Brandt Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adkins, Joseph	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Frederick County	Representative Member
Berliner, Roger	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Montgomery County, MD	Representative Member
Birch, Thomas	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	District of Columbia	Representative Member
Brickley, David	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Commonwealth of Virginia	Representative Member
Chod, Paul	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Montgomery County, Maryland	Representative Member
Cucuzzella, Mark	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	State of West Virginia	Representative Member
Dinterman, Ray	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	constituted conservation organization	Representative Member
Franks III, George	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Washington County, Maryland	Representative Member
Hummer, Angela	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	State of Maryland	Representative Member
Koch, Stella	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Commonwealth of Virginia	Representative Member
Lewis Jr., George	07/26/2016	07/21/2021	Catoctin Station Farm	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mackler, Roderick	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	C&O Canal Association	Representative Member
Nelson, Stephen	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Allegany County	Representative Member
Smith, Clifford	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	State of West Virginia	Representative Member
Stull, Walter	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Frederick County, MD	Representative Member
Walzak, Scott	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	District of Columbia	Representative Member
Williams, Evelyn	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	member representing interests of C&O Canal	Representative Member
Zumbrun, Francis	07/26/2016	07/26/2021	Allegany County	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

Narrative Description

The C&O Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission supports the mission of the park through its deliberation on myriad resource and visitor enjoyment issues facing the park. The Commission engages on issues such as visitor safety along the Potomac River, management of scenic easements, land exchanges and participating in the park's strategic planning process.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Commission's deliberation and the park's participation in answering questions at the

quarterly meetings have raised the level of confidence in park operations and management decisions. The Commission engaged on issues such as visitor safety along the Potomac River, management of scenic easements, land exchanges and visitor enjoyment of the park's Canal Quarter's program. The commission has also been supportive of the park's strategic planning process.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

19

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission did not meet or make recommendations in FY 2018. No new recommendations were made in FY 2017. Two meeting were held in FY 2017. One meeting was introductory and an orientation to the park due to the renewal of the Commission last year. Development of plans for the preservation and use of this park is ongoing. The recommendations ranged from where to hold commissioner meetings to expressing support for various park planning and development efforts. In particular, the park's strategic plan process.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendations ranged from where to hold commissioner meetings to expressing support for various park planning and development efforts. In particular, the park's strategic plan process.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The remaining recommendations made by the Commission this year were at least partially implemented – again because of their general nature a precise definition cannot be made.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is given through email, written correspondence and face to face meetings with agency representatives.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The commission has remained engaged in various major issues throughout the year. The Commission is generally unable to provide substantive and timely input on lesser issues because they meet 4 times each year.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

0

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The park provides a lengthy list of briefing statements on a variety of topics and prepares presentations on topics of significant interest and where a recommendation is being contemplated.